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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application

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Method for the Massive Culture of Cells Producing Recombinant

Human Erythropoietin Inventors: CARCAGNO et al. Our Ref: 1909 0040002/IAG/PAI

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Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 along with Exhibits A-I.

The above-listed documents are filed electronically through EFS-Web.

In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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